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Deputy Chief, Legislative Division/OLL

SUBJECT: Draft Legislation on the Use of Government
Vehicles by Federal Officials: Comments for OMB

1. The Office of Management and Budget seeks our views on draft legislation which would expand eligibility of government officials to receive home-to-work transportation.

2. We have been informed by OMB that the Comptroller General of the US rendered an opinion in 1983 defining what public officials were eligible for home-to-work transportation. As it turned out, far more public officials were using such transportation than the law permitted as defined by the Comptroller General. This proposed draft bill is for the purpose expanding eligibility so that the law conforms to actual use.

3 Presently, only two officials in the Agency are eligible for home-to-work transportation: the DCI and DDCI. However such eligibility is derived from the National Security Act and the Central Intelligence Agency Act. The draft bill would be redundant with respect to government provided transportation for the DCI and the DDCI. It also appears that the next level of management at the CIA would also be eligible for such transportation if the bill becomes law.

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4. Even though OMB asked for comment, they hastened to add that introduction of the bill may invite criticism about "pampered public officials." Media and the Congress would use the bill as an opportunity to criticize all government workers. It is also doubtful whether the bill would pass anyway

4. So that we may provide a timely reply to OMB, please render an oral comment by June 4, 1985 to [redacted] at [redacted]

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